Reply of questions in Indian Languages

†2067. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the resolution passed by the Parliament on January 18th, 1968 to the effect that in all competitive examinations being conducted for recruitment in different services of the Central Government the candidate should be given the option to reply the questions in Indian languages;

(b) if so, when and whether as per the above resolution candidates have been given the option to reply the questions in all Indian languages in above examinations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when, Government propose to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Official Language Resolution, 1968 passed by both the Houses of Parliament, *inter alia* resolved that all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution and English shall be permitted as alternative medium for the All India and higher Central Services Examinations after ascertaining the views of the UPSC on the future scheme of the examinations, the procedural aspects and the timings. In pursuance of the Resolution, the option to write answers in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India has been extended only in the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by UPSC. The question of extension of this facility to other exam nations conducted by UPSC is under consideration of the Government on the basis of the recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee.

Union Public Service Commission has, however, expressed views at variance with Dr. Satish Chandra Committee recommendations. In view of the importance and sensitivity of the matter and divergent

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views on the subject, Government's endeavour is to seek a consensus and evolve a nationally acceptable policy after holdig wider consultation with the State Governments and others concerned, efforts for which are on.

Vacant Posts for SCs/STs

†2068. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts out of total Group-A category posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, at present; and

(b) the number of posts vacant in the Central Government and State Governments, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Information in respect of Central Government is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. The Central Government does not maintain information regarding State Governments and that is done by the State Government concerned.

Pending corruption cases

2069. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases, which are being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation, pending trial in different courts of the country, as on date;

(b) the reasons for the long pendency of the cases; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early trial of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI),

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